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RELEASEABLY COUPLING
TWO ELEMENTS

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BOX NON FEE AMENDMENT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above entitled patent application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 5-16.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) An apparatus for coupling two elements, comprising:

an outer tubular member defining one or more outer tubular member slots;

an inner tubular member defining one or more inner tubular member slots

positioned within the outer tubular member; and

a coupling assembly for releasably coupling the outer tubular member to the

inner tubular member, comprising:

a tubular coupling body movably coupled to the inner tubular member;